

## REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants' undersigned counsel respectfully notes that he inherited this application from prior counsel, now deceased. Prior counsel's records were in disarray. Thus, Applicants' undersigned counsel has re-constructed the file history from the records publically available on the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office web site. Applicants' new counsel requests a little leeway as the issues surrounding this case are resolved. Should there be any additional non-compliance problems (owing to new counsel's incomplete view of the Office's official file), Applicants request that a phone call be placed to undersigned counsel as the best means for resolving any remaining issues.

Please note that the correspondence address for this matter has changed. Please forward all future correspondence to:

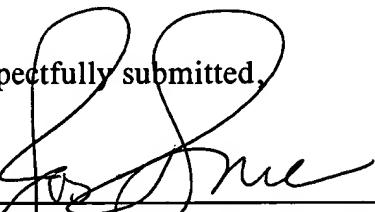
Intellectual Property Department  
DeWitt Ross & Stevens S.C.  
8000 Excelsior Drive, Suite 401  
Madison, WI 53717-1914

The rejection of Claims 1-10 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph are believed to have been overcome by appropriate amendment to the claims. Specifically, any antecedent basis problems are believed to have been addressed, and the connectedness of the elements recited in Claim 1 is now properly set forth. Likewise, the various deficiencies in the dependent claims are believed to have been overcome. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Likewise, the rejection of Claims 1-3 under 35 USC §102(e) are believed to have been overcome by appropriate amendment to the claims. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joseph T. Leone, Reg. No. 37,170  
DEWITT ROSS & STEVENS S.C.  
8000 Excelsior Drive, Suite 401  
Madison, Wisconsin 53717-1914  
Telephone: (608) 831-2100  
Facsimile: (608) 831-2106

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date of Deposit:

Signature: 